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SUBJ: EWG MEETING APRIL 28, 1975 - DRAFT REPORT TO MINISTERS
ON RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION OF DEFENSE TASKS

REF: A. STATE 97103; B. USNATO 2353

SUMMARY. AT APRIL 28 MEETING, EWG CONSIDERED FIRST DRAFT REPORT TO MINISTERS ON RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION WITHOUT MANY REPS HAVING INSTRUCTIONS OR, FOR THAT MATTER, PORTIONS OF TEXT ITSELF RELATING TO CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING. DRAWING ON REF A, MISSION OFFERED SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS AND FURTHER ASKED FOR SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION DEALING WITH EACH MAJOR AREA WHICH REPORT WILL ADDRESS. IS WILL CIRCULATE NEXT DRAFT ON APRIL 30. EWG WILL ATTEMPT TO APPROVE BY SILENCE PROCEDURE ON MAY 5 SO DPC CAN CONSIDER REPORT AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY THEREAFTER. END SUMMARY.

1. EWG CHAIRMAN DSYG PANSA OPENED DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT DRAFT REPORT (AC/281-WP(75)2) WAS BASICALLY A STATUS REPORT
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BUT DID SHOW SIGNS OF CONCRETE PROGRESS IN THREE AREAS: CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING; CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS; AND HOST NATION SUPPORT OF THE WARTIME LOC. HE APOLOGIZED FOR TRAINING SECTION, PARAS 3 TO 6, NOT BEING AVAILABLE EARLIER,

AS IS ONLY CIRCULATED THIS PORTION A.M. APRIL 28 AFTER RECEIVING LATE INPUT FROM EURO/NATO TRAINING GROUP (E/NT) SECRETARIAT ON APRIL 25. CHAIRMAN THEN MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO NEED FOR DIFFERENT MACHINERY WHICH WOULD ALLOW MORE TIMELY RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM E/NT.

2. CONCERNING THE DRAFT REPORT ITSELF, US REP (LEGERE) MADE A GENERAL COMMENT THAT THE REPORT AS NOW DRAFTED IS BLAND AND DOES NOT SHOW THE RESULTS MINISTERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPECT AFTER TWO YEARS OF HIGH PRIORITY WORK. US REP HOPED THAT IN A SUBSEQUENT DRAFT THE RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION WILL HAVE SUBSTATIVE COMMENTS FOR MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION.

3. ON CONSOLIDATION OF TRAINING (REF B), US REP NOTED THAT ONE OF THE TRAINING PROJECTS (TRAINING CENTER FOR 155 MM GUN) ADDRESSED A FUTURE REQUIREMENT BUT THE TWO OTHERS (NAVAL HELICOPTER CONTROL TRAINING AND JOINT JET PILOT TRAINING) ADDRESS A HERE AND NOW REQUIREMENT WHICH THE DPC SHOULD FLAG FOR SPECIAL MINISTERIAL EMPHASIS. US REP SUGGESTED THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATION ON THIS SUBJECT CONTAIN APPROPRIATE WORDING TO THIS EFFECT. TURNING TO PARA 6 OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE DRAFT REPORT, US REP NOTED THAT LAST SENTENCE WAS CONFUSING AND WOULD BE MORE TO THE POINT IF SENTENCE ENDED WITH "CAPITALS" AND ANOTHER SENTENCE ADDED ALONG THE LINES "THE DPC THEREFORE DRAWS MINISTERS' ATTENTION TO THESE OPTIONS TO FACILITATE SELECTION OF THE MOST FAVORABLE SCHEME." EWG DID NOT DISSENT FROM THESE VIEWS ALTHOUGH SEVERAL REPS HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ADDENDUM ON TRAINING AND COULD NOT COMMENT.

4. AFTER BELGIAN REP (TAYMANS) HAD A CHANCE TO READ ADDENDUM LATER IN MEETING, HE MADE AN ISSUE ABOUT THE THREE TRAINING PROJECTS ACTUALLY BEING ONLY "STUDIES" AND DPC'S REPORT TO MINISTERS SHOULD NOT, THEREFORE, SINGLE THESE OUT FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, BELGIAN REP APPARENTLY AGREED TO ALLOW THESE PROJECTS TO BE DESCRIBED AS SUCH IN REPORT TO MINISTERS.

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5. ON CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, US REP CIRCULATED A PROPOSED REVISION COVERING PARAS 7, 8 AND 9 WHICH INCORPORATED WASHINGTON COMMENTS REF A. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION EWG AGREED FOR IS TO USE THESE REVISIONS, AND SEVERAL EDITORIAL COMMENTS MADE BY OTHER EWG REPS, IN NEXT DRAFT EXCEPT THAT A CORRECT LISTING OF COUNTRIES IN PARA 7 WOULD BE RETAINED. MAJORITY OF REPS FELT THAT THIS WOULD HIGHLIGHT TO MINISTERS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES THE POTENTIAL FOR RATIONALIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

6. REGARDING PARAS 12-15 ON THE LOC, EWG AGREED TO ONE MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGE WHICH CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED THE AD HOC BODY AS A "STEERING COMMITTEE" VICE "STEERING GROUP". ON THIS SUBJECT, NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN) ASKED IF THIS COMMITTEE

WASN'T AN OPEN-ENDED ONE WITH NATIONAL REPS INCLUDED AS NATIONS DESIRED. A QUICK CHECK OF TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOWED THAT NO PROVISION EXISTED FOR NATIONAL REPS. EWG AGREED TO EXPAND REPRESENTAION TO ALLOW NATIONAL REPS TO PARTICIPATE AS "OBSERVERS.

7. ON LOC SECTION, AND ON THE FOLLOWING SECTION ON LOGISTICS, US REP AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS PARA AT END OF REPORT SHOULD CONTAIN SPECIFIC WORDING TO INVITE DPC TO ARRANGE FOLLOW-ON REPORTS TO MINISTERS NEXT DECEMBER.

8. IS WILL HAVE NEXT DRAFT READY P.M. APRIL 30 AND MISSION WILL SEND TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY WITH OUR COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE. BECAUSE OF PRESS OF TIME, EWG WILL ATTEMPT TO APPROVE NEXT DRAFT BY SILENCE PROCEDURE ON MAY 5. MISSION WILL ENDEAVOR TO HAVE DRAFT REFLECT US VIEWS AND WILL TRANSMIT TO WASHINGTON WITH OUR COMMENTS APRIL 30. BRUCE

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